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SUBJECT: STATUS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. GOP RELEASED 14 POLITICAL PRISONERS ON JUNE 14 BY EXECUTIVE ORDER. THREE OTHER WOMEN WERE NOT RELEASED, ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE, BECAUSE THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN A HUNGER STRIKE (REFTEL). THE THREE PERSONS TRANSFERRED TO POLICE CUSTODY, ACOSTA, BARREIRO AND SALABERRY, HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE THIRD, FOURTH AND SEVENTH PRECINCT JAILS AND ARE BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO AS PUNISHMENT FOR BEING THE INSTIGATORS OF THE EMBASCADA HUNGER STRIKE.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE POLICE HAVE TURNED OVER THE DOCUMENTS OF MORE THAN TEN PRISONERS IMPLICATED IN THE BRANAS, ET AL CASE TO JUDGE ARNALDO ALVAREZ. WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS. PRESUMABLY THESE PERSONS WILL NOT BE RELEASED, AT LEAST UNTIL A HEARING BEFORE THE JUDGE.

3. THE NAMES OF THOSE RELEASED JUNE 14 ARE: PETRONA ACOSTA VDA.DE GONZALEZ; LAZARO BENITEZ LEGUIZAMON; PRUDENCION VIDAL BOGARIN; JULIO BUSTO COLMAN; ELEUTERIO ESPINOZA; PEDRO SERGIO ESPINOZA QUIROGA; EMIGDIO FERNANDEZ LLANO; JUAN LEGUIZAMON ZORILLA; ANGEL LOPEZ; NESTOR LOPEZ SANABRIA; MARIA EUSTACIA OSORIO PEREZ;
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EDMUNDO PAREDES MARTINEZ; JUANA SAMUDIO DE SOLER; AQUILINO VARGAS FERRIERA. ALL OF THE PRISONERS WERE DETAINED IN 1975 OR 1976, THE MAJORITY FOR ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH THE PCP ALTHOUGH SOME ARE ALSO OPM SUSPECTS. SOME HAD NO JUDICIAL PROCESSING, SOME HAD MADE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A JUDGE.
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